

**In the Claims:**

**Please cancel claims 1, 12 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please rewrite claims 2-10 and 14 as follows:**

2. (Amended) A cell driving type actuator according to claim 15, wherein the polarization field of said piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements and the driving electric field are aligned in the same direction.

3. (Amended) A cell driving type actuator according to claim 15, wherein the degree of profile for the surface of said cells is approximately 8 mm or less.

4. (Amended) A cell driving type actuator according to claim 15, wherein a ratio of a minimum spacing between adjacent piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements forming said cells to a minimum spacing between said base plate and said cover plate is approximately 1:2 to 1:40.

5. (Amended) A cell driving type actuator according to claim 15, wherein a ratio of a spacing between adjacent cells to a minimum spacing between said base plate and said cover plate is approximately 1:2 to 1:40.

6. (Amended) A cell driving type actuator according to claim 15, wherein a minimum spacing between adjacent piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements forming said cells is approximately 60 mm or less.

7. (Amended) A cell driving type actuator according to claim 15, wherein the spacing between adjacent cells is approximately 50 mm or less.

8. (Amended) A cell driving type actuator according to claim 15, wherein the surface roughness  $R_t$  of the wall surfaces of the piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements is approximately 10 mm or less, said piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements facing one another and forming said cells.

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9. (Amended) A cell driving type actuator according to claim 15, wherein a width of the piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements varies from a recess to the front end of the piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements.

10. (Amended) A cell driving type actuator according to claim 15, wherein a spacing distance between adjacent piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements forming at least one of said cells is different from a spacing distance between piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements forming at least one other cell.

14. (Amended) A use of a cell driving type actuator as a liquid discharging device: said actuator comprising a plurality of piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements arranged on a base plate and extending perpendicularly therefrom, wherein side walls of each piezoelectric/electrostrictive element are formed by firing only, wherein a plurality of cells are formed independently from one another by joining top portions of adjacent piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements with cover plates to define the cells, each of said cells being used as a liquid pressurizing chamber, and said

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piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements are displaced by applying a driving electric field thereto in the same direction as the polarization field of said piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements to deform said liquid chamber to enable a liquid filled in said liquid chamber to be discharged in the direction of the front end of the piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements.

**Please add new claims 15-18 as follows:**

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15. (New) A cell driving type actuator, comprising:  
a base plate;  
a plurality of piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements arranged on said base plate and extending substantially perpendicularly therefrom, wherein side walls of each piezoelectric/electrostrictive element are formed by firing only; and  
a plurality of cover plates, each joining top portions of adjacent piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements to one another to define a plurality of cells.

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16. (New) A cell type actuator according to claim 15, wherein a spacing distance between said cells varies between at least two groups of cells.

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17. (New) A cell type actuator according to claim 15, wherein a spacing distance between said cover plates and said base plate is uniform in height in at least two adjacent cells.

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18. (New) A cell type actuator according to claim 14, wherein a spacing distance between said cover plates and said base plate is uniform in height in at least two adjacent cells.